

Charter Township of Port Huron Board

Regular Meeting Held Feb 3, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

3800 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

MINUTES

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

The pledge of allegiance stated.

Roll Call: Trustees Dudas, Pringle, Reno, Fulk, Treasurer Shonka, Clerk Davis, Supervisor Lewandowski

Absent: None

Special Guests: Chief Persig, Residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Reno, supported by Dudas, to approve the Jan 20 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tyler Meganack asked to comment on agenda item #E. Storage containers.

Michelle Brown- Ravenswood Rd, stated her name didn't appear in the Dec 2, 2024 and December 16, 2024 minutes and she was in attendance requesting the township video record the meetings. Stated she has 75 followers on her YouTube channel. She requested the township board meeting be recorded.

Beth Forton- 36th St, provided comments and feedback about the new waste management containers. Supervisor Lewandowski invited Ms. Forton to call the office to further discuss the issues with him to find a resolution to the issues she is experiencing.

Curtis Carl – 1776 Campau – Stated his discernment with Waste Management and Supervisor Lewandowski. Stated he needs an extra recycling containers and his mother needs two smaller cans. Supervisor Lewandowski assured Mr. Carl that the township will continue to monitor the waste management situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Fire Chief's Report:

Report given as presented, no further discussion.

E. Approve Final Reading of Ordinance #255 Regulations of Storage Containers:

Ordinance #255

Amendments to the Port Huron Charter Township Zoning Ordinance Regulation of Storage Containers

An ordinance providing for the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Port Huron Township, adding new definitions and regulating the use and placement of storage containers. Adding to Section 40-3 of the Port Huron Township Code of Ordinances. Adding Section 40-670, Storage Containers, to the Port Huron Township Code of Ordinances.

Storage Container defined as any prefabricated structure designed for transporting goods or for the temporary storage of property, such as pods, steel shipping containers, cargo containers, packing or storage crates, and parts or all a semi-trailer.

1. A maximum of two (2) storage containers are permitted in any business or industrial-zoned district, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Site plan review and approval, pursuant to the regulations set forth in Section 40-52, is required.
 - b. A permit from the Port Huron Township Building Department is required.
 - c. All permits will be reviewed by the Building Inspector and Fire Department.
 - d. Containers must meet the setback requirements of the zoning district in which they are located.
 - e. Containers shall not occupy required off-street parking areas, fire lanes, or landscaped areas.
 - f. Containers shall not be stacked above the height of a single container.
 - g. Containers shall maintain a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from each other.
 - h. No structural modifications may be made to the container.
 - i. No electricity or plumbing may be connected to a container.
 - j. Containers shall not be used to store hazardous materials, as defined by the Michigan Fire Code.
 - k. Containers shall not be used as living quarters.
 - l. No livestock or pets may be stored in the container.
2. A maximum of two (2) storage containers are permitted in any residentially zoned district, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The minimum parcel size shall be 5 acres for one (1) container and ten (10) acres for two (2) containers.
 - b. A permit from the Port Huron Township Building Department is required.
 - c. All permits will be reviewed by the Building Inspector and Fire Department.
 - d. Containers must meet the setback requirements of the zoning district in which they are located.
 - e. Containers shall not be stacked above the height of a single container.
 - f. Containers shall maintain a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from each other.
 - g. No structural modifications may be made to the container.
 - h. No electricity or plumbing may be connected to a container.
 - i. Containers shall not be used to store hazardous materials, as defined by the Michigan Fire Code.
 - j. Containers shall not be used as living quarters.
 - k. No livestock or pets may be stored in the container.
3. Storage containers are permitted as a temporary use, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. A permit from the Port Huron Township Building Department is required.
 - b. All permits will be reviewed by the Building Inspector and Fire Department.
 - c. No permit for a storage container shall be valid longer than 90 days in any calendar year, and all containers shall be removed at the expiration date listed on the permit.
 - d. Containers must meet the setback requirements of the zoning district in which they are located.

- e. Containers shall not occupy required off-street parking areas, fire lanes, or landscaped areas.
- f. Containers shall not be stacked above the height of a single container.
- g. Containers shall maintain a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from each other.
- h. No structural modifications may be made to the container.
- i. No electricity or plumbing shall be connected to a container.
- j. Containers shall not be used to store hazardous materials, as defined by the Michigan Fire Code.
- k. Containers shall not be used as living quarters.
- l. No livestock or pets may be stored in the container.

This ordinance was adopted on February 3, 2025 at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Port Huron Township Board of Trustees in a motion by Reno and seconded by Fulk, the vote as follows:

YEAS: Reno, Fulk, Pringle, Dudas, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski

NAYS:

ABSTAIN/ABSENT:

By: Benita Davis, Clerk
Charter Township of Port Huron

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Port Huron Township, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 3rd day of February, 2025, and public notice of the said meeting was given pursuant to and in accordance with the requirement of Act No. 110 of the Public Act of 1976, as amended being the Open Meeting Act, and the Minutes of the said meeting have or will be made available as required by said Act.

BENITA E. DAVIS, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORT HURON

Motion by Reno, supported by Fulk to approve Final Reading of the Port Huron Township Zoning Ordinance Regulation of storage containers.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Reno, Fulk, Pringle, Dudas, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Shonka, supported by Reno to approve payment of pre-paid bills:

Amount: \$1,998,917.47

Check #s: 54967-54978

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shonka, Reno, Fulk, Dudas, Pringle, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

Motion by Shonka, supported by Fulk to approve payment of current bills:

Amount: \$100,932.47

Check #: 54979-55026

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shonka, Fulk, Dudas, Reno, Pringle, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

SEMCOG report given by Trustee Dudas

Maywood station question about cost if funding does not come through

Supervisor Lewandowski stated the door being put in to the water plant is a door install not a replacement, the township will share in the cost

Supervisor Lewandowski stated the township would say no to assisting in the cost of the canal project in the city of Port Huron

Supervisor Lewandowski informed the board he and DPW Superintendent Dan Duman are looking into the cost of having some maintenance done on the water tower.

Elmwood plat water main replacement will be contacting Senator McClain's office for funding Water St hoping to change to 3 lanes

Supervisor Lewandowski reminded the board of the Road Commission meeting on Weds.

Kids were sledding on the hill on Water St after the last snow fall

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Pringle supported by Dudas to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr., Supervisor

Benita E. Davis, Clerk